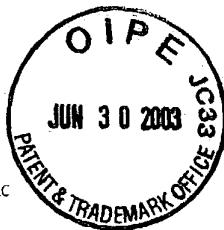




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June 30, 2003

**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Toru KANDA, Daisuke MARUYAMA & Hitoshi SANNOMIYA  
BALL SCREW  
**Assignee: NSK LTD.**  
Our Ref: Q76329

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 10/062,412 (Confirmation No. 4142) filed February 5, 2002 of Toru KANDA, Daisuke MARUYAMA & Hitoshi SANNOMIYA entitled BALL SCREW.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, one (1) sheet of drawing, a Preliminary Amendment, a copy of the Declaration and Assignment as filed in the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 3682.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a divisional of Application No. 10/062,412 filed February 5, 2002; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Priority is claimed from:

| <u>Country</u> | <u>Application No</u> | <u>Filing Date</u> |
|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Japan          | P.2001-29102          | February 6, 2001   |

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 10/062,412.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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A check for the statutory fee of \$750.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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